



USDA DAILY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

~ Livestock, Meat, Pelt, & Wool Markets ~

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NATIONAL U.S. DAILY LAMB CARCASS REPORT

Negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis

Today's trades not reportable because they did not meet the 3/70/20 guideline for carcass lambs. Below is the last reported market as of 12/8/2008.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Weight	Head	*Wt	Avg
45-DN			280.74
45-55#			235.00
55-65#			223.34
65-75#			218.42
75-85#			215.73
85-UP			212.64

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USDA NATIONAL LAMB ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT

Week Ending 11/22/2008: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 45,776 head. 43,550 Lambs, 95.1% of total Sheep slaughtered. 34,449 graded, 79.10% of total Lambs slaughtered. 276 Certified Schedule CL, 0.80% of total Lambs graded.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield	Grade	(May include hindsaddles)		
Quality	1	2	3	4	5
Prime	0.00%	1.79%	3.81%	1.82%	0.60%
Choice	4.78%	30.75%	43.25%	10.95%	2.25%

Total %	4.78%	32.54%	47.06%	12.77%	2.85%
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NATIONAL 5-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE BOXED LAMB CUTS - NEGOTIATED SALES

FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period, fresh and frozen carlot volume, including sales since last report, U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Current Volume	
Fresh Cuts	1,318,319 pounds
Frozen Cuts	283,450 pounds

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

FRESH CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
202	Foresaddle	7	2,771	\$286.21	(0.58)
203	Bracelet	3	1,788	\$311.71	(3.58)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	19	2,352	\$644.53	(0.90)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	66	14,245	\$534.77	(1.10)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	24	9,637	\$502.63	(0.09)
204A	Rack, chined	30	7,847	\$630.04	6.62
204B	Rack, roast-ready	32	9,408	\$887.44	(7.57)
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	145	27,182	\$1,064.26	(8.45)
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	26	5,314	\$1,404.31	(0.65)
206	Shoulders	125	169,952	\$183.40	(1.21)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	203	141,825	\$230.52	(0.19)
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnl	19	2,295	\$400.42	(1.13)
209	Breast	98	36,435	\$91.66	(0.52)
	Breast, bulk	35	30,175	\$83.12	9.25
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	21	1,033	\$325.62	(2.38)
210	Foreshank	254	39,824	\$310.01	(0.68)
229	Hindsaddle, long-cut	3	505	\$317.01	0.00
230	Hindsaddle	5	1,845	\$264.60	(1.16)
231	Loins	29	5,415	\$304.88	(9.28)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	74	17,619	\$391.09	(5.00)
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	4	469	\$527.15	
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	8	3,773	\$615.69	1.98
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	19	9,155	\$604.93	0.52
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	71	16,645	\$599.87	(11.32)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	46	15,743	\$621.58	(29.73)
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	7	212	\$1,044.01	(5.74)
232E	Flank, untrimmed	24	29,103	\$50.36	0.18
233	Legs	85	46,901	\$263.30	(0.63)
233A	Leg, trotter-off	220	66,345	\$274.42	0.35
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnl	61	35,658	\$388.28	(21.36)
233E	Leg, steamship	17	12,907	\$365.63	(3.75)
233F	Hindshank	66	12,388	\$328.60	(0.31)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	183	62,102	\$407.22	(1.44)
234A	Leg, shank off, bnl	98	23,518	\$446.48	0.11
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	6	1,134	\$382.87	(0.33)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	83	10,168	\$510.55	26.04
234G	Sirloin, boneless	13	1,499	\$399.08	(29.76)
235	Back	3	292	\$389.20	
236	Back, trimmed	30	338	\$575.53	(0.01)
238	Trimmings	32	3,022	\$253.06	0.55
246	Tenderloin	5	61	\$1,373.03	
295	Lamb for stewing	66	9,530	\$453.69	(6.55)
296	Ground lamb	100	14,680	\$376.90	(2.22)
	Necks	31	3,203	\$85.01	(0.88)

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	13	12,322	\$412.91	(8.87)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	5	11,912	\$454.23	0.00
209	Breast	4	7,992	\$87.83	15.67
	Breast, bulk	9	91,599	\$69.43	(1.10)
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	5	429	\$273.69	(0.87)
210	Foreshank	10	3,764	\$312.46	(1.82)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	3	9,466	\$526.11	0.00
232E	Flank, untrimmed	3	6,591	\$40.92	0.00
233A	Leg, trotter-off	3	7,630	\$227.79	(0.33)
233F	Hindshank	4	765	\$302.73	(1.53)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	7	4,213	\$356.90	(12.57)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	16	1,624	\$516.11	(11.68)
238	Trimmings	8	4,220	\$146.79	0.00
295	Lamb for stewing	19	7,790	\$417.61	(4.93)
296	Ground lamb	18	1,264	\$352.25	39.14
	Necks	18	43,576	\$38.05	0.58

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WEEKLY LAMB PELTS PRICE REPORT, FOB Major Production Points

Per Piece Price

Pelt activity this week compared to last week: Packer sorted green salted pelts steady to mostly 1.00 lower. Demand reported light for moderate offerings and light trading.

PELT TYPES:	PACKER, SEED	FREE, MOSTLY	GOOD DENSITY	WOOL
SHORN	Price Range	UNSHORN	Price Range	
Fall Clips	5.00 - 8.00	Wools	3.00 - 6.00	
No. 1	4.00 - 7.00	Pickling skins	1.50 - 3.25	
No. 2	3.00 - 6.00	**Springers;	6.00 - 7.00	
No. 3	2.00 - 3.00	Western Slope,	7.50 - 8.00	
No. 4	1.00 - 2.00	California,		
		Idaho,	7.50 - 8.00	
Imperial's		Kansas,		
Fall Clips		Midwest,		
No. 1		Native(Gray)		
No. 2				

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades last week showed 21,434 pelts consisting of 71.38% wooled, 26.58% Fall Shorn No.1, 2.03 No.2, 0.00% No.3&4.

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SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Tuesday, December 09, 2008 (est)	9,000	Week to Date (est)	19,000
Week Ago (est)	10,000	Same Pd Lt Wk (est)	20,000
Year Ago(act)	10,000	Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	20,000

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USDA ESTIMATED NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS CUTOUT

Based on 5-Day Rolling weighted average FOB plant prices collected under Mandatory Price Reporting and industry yields.

CUTS	FOB PRICE	CHANGE	%CARCASS	LBS.
FORESADDLE				
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	534.77	-1.10	10.77%	7.33
209 BREAST **	77.67	1.29	8.85%	6.02
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	230.52	-0.20	23.53%	16.00
210 FORESHANK	310.01	-0.68	3.82%	2.60
NECK **	41.27	0.75	2.22%	1.51
HINDSADDLE				
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	391.09	-5.00	10.97%	7.46
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	48.62	0.68	3.39%	2.30
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	274.42	0.34	31.88%	21.68

GROSS CARCASS VALUE:	263.55	-0.48	95.45%	64.90
FORESADDLE VALUE	267.27	-0.12	49.20%	33.46
HINDSADDLE VALUE	285.55	-0.90	46.24%	31.45
Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$31.50				
NET CARCASS VALUE	232.05	-0.48		

* Shrink and trim of 3.10 lb's not reflected in cutout value
* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 68 lbs. for W/E 11/22/08, unchanged from last week.
**Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

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NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY for Tuesday, December 09, 2008

At New Holland, PA slaughter lambs steady; slaughter ewes sharply lower. At Sioux Falls, SD slaughter lambs 3.00-4.00 lower; not enough slaughter ewes or feeder lambs for a test. At San Angelo, TX heavy slaughter lambs not well tested; light slaughter lambs weak; slaughter ewes weak; feeder lambs not well tested. 7,000 head estimated for a one day sale.

Slaughter Lambs:	Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs:
San Angelo:	shorn and woolled 90-120 lbs 88.00-95.00.
New Holland:	90-110 lbs 135.00-148.00; 110-130 lbs 130.00-142.00; 130-160 lbs 116.00.
Sioux Falls:	wooled 120-145 lbs 93.00-95.00; 157 lbs 91.00.
Virginia:	wooled 90-110 lbs 110.00.
Billings, MT:	no test.
Slaughter Lambs:	Good and Choice 1-2:
San Angelo:	40-90 lbs 105.00-117.00; 90-100 lbs 100.00-105.00. hair lambs 40-90 lbs 99.00-110.00.
Virginia:	60-90 lbs 106.00-110.00; 90-110 lbs 100.00-118.00.
Slaughter Lambs:	Choice and Prime 1-3:
New Holland:	40-50 lbs 244.00-252.00; 50-60 lbs 200.00-204.00; 60-70 lbs 165.00-177.00; 70-80 lbs 140.00-156.00; 80-90 lbs 138.00-150.00.
Slaughter Ewes:	
San Angelo:	Good 2-3 30.00-38.00; Utility and Good 1-3 40.00-48.50; Utility 1-2 30.00-38.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 20.00-30.00; Cull 1 11.00-20.00.
New Holland:	Good 2-3 36.00-44.00; Utility 1-2 30.00-42.00; Cull 1 28.00-38.00.
Billings:	Good 3-4 no test; Good 2-3 no test; Utility and Good 1-3 no test; Utility 1-2 no test; Cull 1 no test.
Sioux Falls:	Good 2-4 45.00; Utility and Good 1-3 32.00; Utility 1-2 15.00-16.00.
Virginia:	Good and Choice 2-4 45.00-57.00; Utility 1-2 51.00.
Feeder Lambs:	Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo:	60-100 lbs 100.00-109.00.
Virginia:	no test.
Billings:	no test.
Sioux Falls:	80-85 lbs 98.00-100.00.
Replacement Ewes:	Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo:	no test.
Billings:	no test.
Sioux Falls:	no test.
Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 19,000 compared with 20,000 last week and 20,000 last year.	

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TEXAS SHEEP EXPORT FIGURES				
MON 12/08/2008	WEEK-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	PERCENT
		2008	2007	CHANGE
Slaughter Lambs	0	0	0	
Ewes	0	2,298	100,961	110,517
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2,298	100,961	110,517 - 8.65%

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SPECIAL REPORTS

SIOUX FALLS SHEEP & GOAT AUCTION- SIOUX FALLS, SD WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT FOR 12/9/2008

*** Addition to Goats, Slaughter Kids Selection 1 ***

Receipts:	455	Last Week:	527	Year Ago:	926
Goats	82		99		610

Compared to last week, woolled slaughter lambs 3.00 to 4.00 lower, shorn lambs not tested. Slaughter ewes not well tested today. Too few feeder lambs offered to fully establish the market. Moderate demand for all classes of sheep. Receipts shortened today by the slick, snowy conditions. Today's receipts about 70 percent slaughter lambs; 3 percent slaughter ewes; 28 percent feeder lambs; balance bucks.

Slaughter Lambs Woolled Choice and Prime 2-3					
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
61	121		121	93.00-93.50	93.34
26	142		142	95.00	95.00
11	157		157	91.00	91.00
137	150		150	88.50	88.50
Dirty					
Slaughter Lambs Woolled Choice 2-3					
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
85	110-121		111	89.00-92.00	89.88
Slaughter Ewes Good 2-4					
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	173		173	45.00	45.00
Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-2					
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	134		134	32.00	32.00
Slaughter Ewes Utility 1-2					
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	135-150		146	15.00-16.00	15.77
Feeder Lambs Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
54	80-81		80	98.00-100.00	99.33
15	108		108	90.00	90.00
23	105		105	87.25	87.25
Dirty Short docks					
Feeder Lambs Medium 1-2					
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	60		60	92.00	92.00
22	74		74	90.50	90.50

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